

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method comprising:

receiving at an appliance communications manager that stands apart from source and destination appliances, a connection request from a source appliance;

receiving at the appliance communications manager destination appliance communication information for a destination appliance;

receiving at the appliance communications manager a communication message from the source appliance;

storing the communication message in a data memory of the appliance communications manager;

establishing, via the appliance communications manager, a communication link with the destination appliance; and

transferring the stored communication message to the destination appliance via the communication link.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein:

receiving a communication message comprises receiving a communication message via a first communication technology; and

establishing a communication link comprises establishing a communication link having a second communication technology, the second communication technology different than the first communication technology.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein establishing a communication link comprises establishing, via the appliance communications manager, a communication link using one of an infrared input/output (I/O) driver and a short-wave radio module.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein establishing the communication link comprises establishing, via the appliance communications manager, the communication link using an analog cellular I/O module.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein establishing the communication link comprises establishing, via the appliance communications manager, the communication link using one of a digital cellular I/O module and an internet I/O driver.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the source appliance comprises one of a printer, a scanner, a facsimile machine, an overhead projector, an appliance storage device, and an appliance whiteboard.

7. An apparatus comprising:
  - a first input/output (I/O) communication module to receive a connection request, destination appliance communication information for a destination appliance, and a communication message, from a source appliance;
  - data memory to store the communication message received from the source appliance;
  - a processor to access the data memory and to establish a communication link with the destination appliance;
  - a second I/O communication module to transfer the stored communication message to the destination appliance via the communication link.
8. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the first I/O communication module comprises a different communication technology than the second I/O communication module.
9. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the first I/O communication module comprises one of an infrared I/O driver and a short-wave radio I/O module.
10. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the first I/O communication module comprises an analog cellular I/O module.
11. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the first I/O communication module comprises one of a digital cellular I/O module and an internet I/O driver.

12. A system comprising:

a source appliance to transmit a connection request, destination appliance communication information for a destination appliance, and a communication message, to an appliance communications manager;

the appliance communications manager including a data memory to store the communication message received from the source appliance, the appliance communications manager to transfer the stored communication message to the destination appliance; and

the destination appliance to receive the communication message from the appliance communications manager.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein the source appliance comprises one of a printer, a scanner, a facsimile machine, an overhead projector, an appliance storage device, and an appliance whiteboard.